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SUBJECT: PLANES FOR PRESIDENT BONGO

1. COMMERCE INFORMS US APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR "USED GRUMMAN" FOR BONGO'S PERSONAL USE". COMMERCE REQUESTED OUR VIEWS ON ISSUANCE LICENSE. THIS IS THE FOURTH PLANE IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS FOR THIS PURPOSE (TWO DC-8'S, PLUS NEW GRUMMAN JETSTREAM). IN VIEW CAREFUL STUDY BEING GIVEN PENDING REQUEST FOR SECOND DC-8 BECAUSE OF USE OF FIRST DC-8 IN RHODESIAN TRADE AND POSSIBILITY SECOND WOULD BE SIMILARLY USED, NEW REQUEST FOR GRUMMAN WILL REQUIRE CLOSE SCRUTINY. EMBASSY COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED.

2. TECHNICAL MISSION COMPOSED OF THREE FRENCHMEN (MESSRS BRU AND PIGOT AND MR. RICHON OF UTA) NOW HERE TRYING TO BUY SECOND DC-8. THEY ASKED COMMERCE TO ISSUE THE LICENSE JUNE 28 SO PLANE COULD LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. STATE STILL STUDYING APPLICATION. SISCO

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